

City of Corunna  
Regular Council Meeting  
Monday, September 21, 1998

Present: Weaver, Bendall, Dumond, Ockerman, Reid.

Absent: Greiger (excused), Williams (excused, ill).

Guests: Lisa Hitchcock, City Manager; Tom Svrcek, Director of Public Works; Gary Schooley, Parks and Recreation Director; Jackie Leone, The Argus Press; Larry Runyan; Sharon Kolodica; Lori Hilden, The Independent; and other concerned citizens.

The meeting was called to order in the City Council Chambers by Mayor Weaver at 7:00 p.m.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS REGULAR MEETING: Bendall moved, Ockerman seconded to approve the September 8, 1998 Regular Council Minutes as presented.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Reid, Bendall, Ockerman, Dumond.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

AGENDA APPROVAL: Dumond moved, Bendall seconded to approve the agenda by changing Item No. 5) to Consider Lighting of Courthouse Yard Area and by adding Item No. 6)

Closed Session for Contract Negotiations.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Bendall, Dumond, Ockerman, Reid.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

APPROVAL OF VENDOR DISBURSEMENTS: Ockerman moved, Bendall seconded to approve the vendor disbursements as presented.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Ockerman, Dumond, Reid, Bendall.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

CALL TO AUDIENCE: Ms. Hitchcock advised Sharon Kolodica was present to observe the council meeting as part of the Leadership Shiawassee program through the Owosso-Corunna Area Chamber of Commerce.

CONSIDER APPOINTMENT OF LARRY RUNYAN TO THE FOREST MANAGEMENT

COMMISSION, TERM TO EXPIRE DECEMBER 31, 2000: Bendall moved, Dumond seconded to appoint Larry Runyan to the Forest Management Commission, term to expire December 31, 2000.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Dumond, Ockerman, Bendall, Reid.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

CONSIDER APPOINTMENT OF BOB OCKERMAN TO THE FOREST MANAGEMENT

COMMISSION, TERM TO EXPIRE DECEMBER 31, 1999: Dumond moved, Bendall seconded to appoint Bob Ockerman to the Forest Management Commission, term to expire December 31, 1999.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Reid, Ockerman, Bendall, Dumond.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

CONSIDER TRAFFIC CONTROL ORDER NO. 186 (CHANGE FROM YIELD TO STOP SIGN

N/B CARY ST. AND FERRY ST.): Dumond moved, Bendall seconded to approve Traffic Control Order No. 186 (change from yield to stop sign n/b Cary St. and Ferry St.).

Roll call vote:

Yes: Bendall, Reid, Dumond, Ockerman.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

CONSIDER RESCINDING TRAFFIC CONTROL ORDER NO. 159 (TEN MINUTE PARKING

SPACE WEST SIDE OF 200 BLOCK OF N. SHIAWASSEE STREET BEGINNING 134' NORTH OF MCARTHUR STREET, ENDING 154' NORTH OF MCARTHUR STREET):

Dumond moved, Bendall seconded to rescind Traffic Control Order No. 159 (ten minute parking space west side of 200 block of N. Shiawassee Street beginning 134' north of McArthur Street, ending 154' north of McArthur Street).

Roll call vote:

Yes: Reid, Bendall, Ockerman, Dumond.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

CONSIDER DONATION FOR LIGHTING OF COURTHOUSE YARD AREA:

Mayor Weaver advised the Festival of Trees would be held again in McCurdy Park, and the lighting of the Christmas tree in the courthouse would be coordinated at the same time. He further advised there has been strong interest in lighting the trees outside the courthouse in the front yard area. He also advised Renee Essenburg has had the trees evaluated, and the estimated cost for a permanent type of lighting is approximately \$8,000. Mayor Weaver stated Ms.

Essenburg would like the city and the county to participate financially by donating \$2,000.

Tom Svrcek advised the lights would be commercial grade lighting. Councilperson

Ockerman asked who would put the lights up. Mr. Svrcek advised it would be a joint effort

between the city and the road commission. Councilperson Ockerman asked if there was any

danger. Mr. Svrcek advised he did not see any, and there would be junction boxes placed at

each tree. Councilperson Ockerman asked if there were any plans to do the wiring right.

Ms. Hitchcock advised there was discussion about replacing sidewalks and placing the

wiring underground. Councilperson Dumond asked if funds were budgeted. Ms. Hitchcock

advised \$2,500 was budgeted this year for Christmas decorations that could be used for the

project. Dumond moved, Bendall seconded to donate \$2,000 towards the purchase of the

lights and lighting in front of the courthouse. Mayor Weaver stated the donation would

show everyone in the area that the city is interested in working with the county and hopefully, the county is interested in working with the city to make the project happen. Councilperson Reid asked if the \$8,000 estimate was just for the lights. Mr. Svrcek advised the \$8,000 was strictly for the lights and did not include the wiring.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Bendall, Dumond, Ockerman, Reid.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

CLOSED SESSION FOR CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS: Bendall moved, Reid seconded to leave regular session and go into closed session for contract negotiations.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Ockerman, Dumond, Reid, Bendall.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED Time was 7:25 p.m.

Bendall moved, Ockerman seconded to leave closed session and return to regular session.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Dumond, Ockerman, Bendall, Reid.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED Time was 8:31 p.m.

No action took place during closed session

PRE-COUNCIL: Councilperson Ockerman asked if a letter was sent to Fundbalance. Lisa Hitchcock advised no, because the problems have been solved. Mayor Weaver asked if the problem was hardware or software related. Yvonne Long advised there was a software problem, and Fundbalance is rewriting part of the software for the city. She further advised it would be available next year. Councilperson Ockerman asked if the city's computers were ready for the year 2000. Ms. Long advised yes. Councilperson Ockerman asked if the city's computer hardware is being checked right now. Ms. Hitchcock advised all of the city's hardware should be in compliance.

Councilperson Ockerman asked Ms. Hitchcock if she had the chance to check on the city's insurance premiums. Ms. Hitchcock stated no, but there were plans to change Blue Cross. Councilperson Ockerman stated he thought she was to check out the life insurance premiums because they were out of line. Ms. Hitchcock stated she would check into the premiums. Councilperson Ockerman stated he knows someone who is 51 years old and has a \$50,000 policy and only pays a \$200 yearly premium.

Mayor Weaver advised Councilperson Greiger has notified city hall that she would be gone until the first week of October and was interested in remaining on the council. He further advised Councilperson Greiger had asked to be excused.

## COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Councilperson Reid advised the fire chief position was posted two days after the fire board meeting and all resumes are being sent to Ellie Gregoricka.

Ms. Hitchcock thanked Sandy Yerian, Bob Volek and Bill Pearsall for planting the new flowers in the flower boxes. Ms. Hitchcock passed out a proposed logo design and asked council for comments. Councilperson Ockerman stated he liked the design. Councilperson Reid advised he did not like the wavy line around the logo. Mayor Weaver asked council if they were going to commit themselves to the growth concept. Councilperson Ockerman stated he liked the concept but did not think that it had happened. Councilperson Dumond suggested changing the word growth to pride. Ms. Hitchcock advised growth shows progression and shows the city wants to move forward.

Mayor Weaver advised the chamber of commerce needs to expand their facilities, and their options are limited at their present location. He further advised there was nothing that states the chamber of commerce has to be in Owosso. Councilperson Ockerman asked what Team 21 thinks about having libraries everywhere. Mayor Weaver advised Team 21 has not addressed the library issue. Councilperson Bendall stated libraries need to be accessible. There are a lot of patrons who walk. Mayor Weaver stated the city should be a part of the District Library. Councilperson Bendall asked if a vote would be required. Mayor Weaver advised two votes would be necessary: one vote to join the District Library and another vote to approve 1.25 mills for operations. The building would still be the responsibility of the city.

ADJOURN: Ockerman moved, Dumond seconded to adjourn.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Reid, Ockerman, Bendall, Dumond.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED Time was 9:35 p.m.

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AVERY WEAVER, MAYOR

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YVONNE F. LONG, CITY CLERK